



St. Lawrence's Parish Coonabarabran

Reflections by Mary Coloe
PBVM on Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

"Us and Them"

In today's Gospel it is John, not Peter who is the spokesperson for the disciples, and he raises an objection to others working in Jesus' name but who are not one of the 'in' crowd - 'he was not one of us'. John here voices the tragic judgement that people often make about those who are different from themselves. Instead of focusing on what they share in common - being able to cast out demons, working in the name of Jesus - John measures this other person's activity solely in terms of his belonging within the discipleship group or not. Does he have the same Galilean accent? Does he recognise the importance of the inner group of disciples? Has he followed Jesus from the beginning, or is he a later arrival? Jesus' reply points out that the disciples have no monopoly on Jesus' name. The ability to work miracles is not something on which disciples have a franchise..

Reflections by Fr Rosica
Thomas

"A final thought on humility"

Jesus said, "Learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest to your souls" (Matthew 11:29). Many of us live in societies and cultures that value self-promotion of worth, assertiveness, competitiveness, communication our accomplishments if we wish to get anywhere and make a difference.

The virtue of humility is a quality by which a person considering his or her own defects has a lowly opinion of himself and willingly submits himself or herself to God and to others for God's sake. How can we strike a balance between being humble and meek, and assertive enough to succeed in the world today? Or do we need to sacrifice one for the other?

Mother Cabrini's humility - When I was growing up in an Italian-American household, we often heard stories of the saints and blessed from my grandparents and parents. Two Italians... were at the top of the list: Mother Cabrini and Padre Pio. St Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first American

citizen to be canonized by the Church. As a child, Mother Cabrini's prayer for humility was given to us and I have kept it ever since in my Bible. The life of Mother Cabrini and the words of this prayer embody many of the thoughts found in today's Scriptures;

"Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that you may fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit, and give your peace to my soul, that I may be free from all needless anxiety and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to you, so that your will may be my will. Grant that I may be free from unholy desires, and that, for your love, I may remain obscure and unknown in this world, to be known only to you.

"Do not permit me to attribute to myself the good that you perform in me and through me, but rather, referring all honour to you, may I admit only to my infirmities, so that renouncing sincerely all vainglory which comes from the world I may aspire to that true and lasting glory that comes from you. Amen"

Mass Times for October			Holy Hour	Word & Faith Bible Study Group	PLEASE NOTE that DAYLIGHT SAVING begins next weekend
1 Mon	St Lawrence's	5.30 PM	Tues 4.30 - 5.00PM	Wednesdays at 10AM in Coonabarabran	☰☰☰☰☰☰☰☰ Baptisms: Sundays at 11AM Contact Parish Office for more details
2 Tue	St Lawrence's	5.30 PM			
3 Wed	No Mass		Tuesday 5.00 PM	Thursdays at 8AM & 10AM in Baradine -except School Holidays	ALL WELCOME
4 Thu	St Lawrence's	9.00 AM			
5 Fri	Anointing Mass	10.00 AM			
6 Sat	St. John's Baradine	6.00 PM			
7 Sun	St. Lawrence's	9.30 AM			



We acknowledge the original owners of this land, and pay respects to the elders and deceased members, of the Gamilaroi people.



St John's Baradine



"Our Lady of The Central West" icon was unveiled and blessed as part of the closing celebrations of the Sesquicentenary of the Diocese on 30th October, 2016.

The icon shows Mary praying with us and for us. Bathurst-based iconographer, Mary Clancy painted the icon, which she crafted with earth pigments, the colours coming from across Europe, the Middle East and Australia, representing the soil of many of the homelands from which the people of the Diocese of Bathurst originate. Gold highlights are included, as gold plays a pivotal role in our region's past and present.

The border incorporates the totems of the local Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi nations. The 4 concentric circles at the top represent the Cathedral of St Michael and St John; 16 triple concentric circles represent the parish churches; and 37 others represent small Eucharistic communities. These are joined by a wandering line of dots; the pathways which connect all these groups together.

Readings for next week

7th October, 2018

27th Sunday in Ordinary

Time, Year B

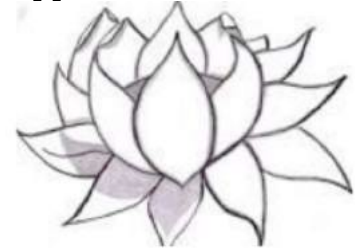
Gen 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

A Note of Thanks

Ben Robinson and his family would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during their time of need. This has been much appreciated.



PLENARY COUNCIL CANDLE AND ICON are currently in our Parish

Between now and Ash Wednesday 2019 the focus of the Plenary Council is Open Dialogue and Listening Sessions. This provides opportunities for everyone to help formulate the matters for consideration in the Plenary Council, by responding to the question, "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

The candle will be lit at our Masses this week and prayers offered for the success of the Council. The "Our Lady of the Central West" Icon will travel the region with the candle.

Prayer For Rain

Heavenly Father, you made the earth and appointed us stewards to care for it and draw life from it. For, your own purpose, nature has held back the rain which the soil needs to sustain all creatures. Though we do not question your wisdom, we ask today for the return of good and generous rains, to revive our dry and dusty countryside.

We thank you Lord for your generous love which comes to us in so many ways and we trust that you will answer this prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: will be held on Sunday 28th October, 2018 at 11.00 am in the presbytery.

Parish Secretaries gathering: October 9th - 10th, Please include in your prayers all the Parish priests and parish secretaries as we gather in Bathurst for our annual meeting.

There will be a Josephites Gathering on Saturday 13th October at 2.30pm at 34 Edwards Street. All are welcome.

Day of Prayer, Reflection & Discussion: Monday, 15th October, 2018 "To act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God." Micah 6:8. This day will be led by Sr. Susan Connolly rsj and will focus on the theme from Micah as we reflect on Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and the upcoming **Plenary Council**. 9.30am for 10.00am start. St. Joseph's School Hall, Gilgandra, Cost \$20.00 Morning tea and Lunch will be served. All welcome. For more information contact Sr. Robyn 68470608.

Blessing of Married Couples Sunday - 7th October. Bishop McKenna will celebrate the annual Blessing of Married Couples Mass in the Cathedral of St. Michael and St John, at 10.00am. All married couples and their families are invited to join the parish community at the Cathedral.

Rise Youth Festival: St. Joseph's Heritage and Conference Centre, Perthville. October 11-12th, 2018. RISE is a chance for young people in Year 6 to Year 9 to spend time together, have fun and learn more about their faith. See brochure at the back of the Churches this weekend.



October is the Month of the Rosary

Bishop Michael McKenna recently wrote in the Catholic Observer: "Of course, the Rosary belongs to every month, but in October the Church celebrates this prayer in a special way: reminding us of its simple beauty and gently power. It is a time of grace for us to return to this prayer if we have let it slip away; or perhaps to discover for the first time how the Rosary can guide us into unpretentious prayer". Bishop Michael invites you to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Carcoar to pray the Rosary together, at 3pm on Sunday 7th October 2018 to be followed by Afternoon Tea. Bishop Michael, "If you can't be there, please pray a Rosary wherever you are. We'll be united that day all around the world with people asking Mary's intercession for the renewal of our Church and the nations." RSVP: Shalom, Carcoar: 6367 3058.



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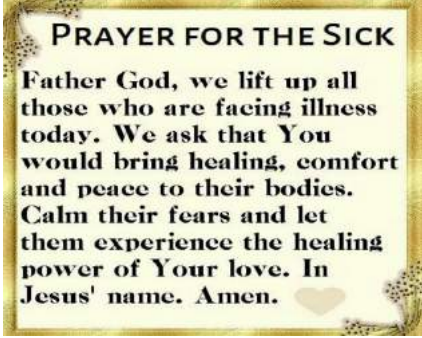
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Coonabarabran Roster			Mass Intentions
	30 September	7 October	<p>Please pray for the sick of our parish community and family members:</p> <p>Christine Walton, Lisa Roberts, Darryl Bellamy (Fr. Greg Bellamy's father), Cedric Hicks, Bill Redden, Malcolm Penman, Ben Robinson, Fr. Tim Cahill, Jack Shannon, Carmel Pugh (Wales), Sandra Wark, Charlie Knight, Bruce Nies, Lee Roberts, David Over, Kristin Ellery, Margaret Collins (Sutton), Helen Meldrum, Roland Soussa, Eve Crawley, Albert Markland, James Campbell, Ted Mathews, Jess Santa Cruz (Philippines), Emma Botfield, John Estens, Jean McWilliam & Luke Roberts.</p> <p>Anniversary: Agnes Sutton (1 October)</p> 
1 st Reading	Delwyn Mitevski	Bob Sutton	
2 nd Reading	Mary Milsom	Con Hennessey	
Commentator	Edna Mack	Sr Madeline	
Collectors	L Roberts H Wuersch	M.Milsom, N. Woo	
Prep Gifts	M & D Graham	K & A Tighe	
Communion			
P1	Meegan Young	Alison Walton	
P2	Aileen Young	Delwyn Mitevski	
C1	Robyn Hennessey	Aileen Young	
C2	Carmel Munns	Ellen Mahne	
C3	John Davis	Annette Estens	
Altar Servers			
Computer	Kay Martin	Meegan Young	
Welcomers	C O'Donnell & B Turnbull	Len & Leanne Roberts	
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